



HAPPY MEW YEAR

JANUARY 2007

## When it's Time

By Bobbie

As you know if you have followed the mews I am the spokes cat of Civic Feline Clinic. I was elected in a close contest in November of 2005. My competition was the bottle-fed up-start, Humvee (a democat) who authors the column next to mine. He is turning into a fine tabby who lives in a multiple cat household with Dr. Thompson. I live at the clinic and speak from 12 years of experience with many cats, techs and doctors. Which brings me to my topic: end of life is-

sues. Not the same for you humans... we have different options and you must speak for us. Let me tell you about Junior, the first spokes cat, and how he lived his last year with dignity

recommend them). In 2003 he developed IBD, which caused him to forget about the litter box in his urgency. I knew him in his last year of life and he told me he just couldn't help it. The dining room carpet was his crapper of choice. He said he also had memory problems and had to pee a lot. He stayed

outside in a bed that summer but when winter of 04 came he moved to assisted living at the clinic and became the greeter. Some of you may remember

a skinny old orange guy hanging around reception. He loved cooked chicken and had a litter box in the hall and could still hop up on counters, sleep in the new beds and mess up the records. His quality of life was great and that was the

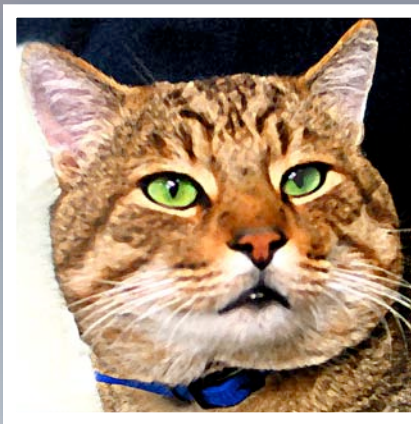


### Winter Tips!

- Get your teeth cleaned!
- Have you had your yearly physical?
- Are you up to date on vaccines?
- Are you on the right diet for your age and medical conditions?
- Food and dental treat samples available.
- Don't forget the toys.

## Homeless Cats

We have 5 cats left homeless by the sudden death of one of our clients. All are male and sweet and get along with other cats. We also have BK, a male pictured below who prefers a one cat home.



B.K.



**Pumpkin and Buff**  
*also available: Todd*  
*a long haired white love.*

## Juniors Life

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message he wanted to leave. In the spring of 05 he had a major tumor surgery on his neck. Dr. T took the risk to give him the benefit of a longer pain free life. These are the choices your vet can help you make. By September of 2005 he was failing badly and at his request was gently put to sleep. He could not have had such a good life without the love of his owner (and doctor). You can help your beloved cats by knowing their routines and having regular checkups (every 6 mo. for geriatrics). The doctors can help you make difficult end of life decisions.

